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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGES

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1. MINAG AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH EXCHANGE PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REFTEL A., DEPENDING OF COURSE ON WHAT IS DEVELOPED FROM EXPLORATORY VISITS. ROMANIANS PREFER HOWEVER TO SEND TWO OFFICIALS INSTEAD OF ONE ON EDSPEC GRANTS OF 15 DAYS EACH TO NEGOTIATE WITH CU, USDA AND THE TWO UNIVERSITIES. OSTENSIBLY ONE WOULD REPRESENT MINISTRY ITSELF, ONE WOULD REPRESENT ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOREST SCIENCES. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS ARRANGEMENT SINCE EXTRA TRANSPORTATION COST WOULD BE AT MINAG'S EXPENSE. IF DEP. AND UNIVERSITIES CONSIDER 15 DAYS INSUFFICIENT PERIOD FOR EXPLORATORY TALKS, WE SUGGEST TWO GRANTS OF THREE WEEKS EACH. MINAG PROPOSES LAST HALF OCTOBER OR FIRST HALF NOVEMBER FOR ROMANIAN VISITS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY VISITS HERE OF NEBRASKA AND IOWA STATE REPS AT TIME TO BE DETERMINED DURING INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS THERE, BUT IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN MID-DECEMBER.

2. EMBASSY HAS CAUTIONED MINAG THAT FINAL SHAPE AND SIZE OF EXCHANGES WILL DEPEND ON WILLINGNESS OF NEBRASKA AND IOWA STATE TO COVER LOCAL COSTS OF ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS. EMBASSY EXPECTS FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM MINAG NEXT WEEK BUT
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